

THE PASSING SHOW.

A QUIET SUNDAY AMONG THE MILITARY.

The Efforts of the Natives to Capture Colonel Blount's Favor—Rumors About the Streets.

Sunday was a quiet day in the military department of the Provisional Government. At the barracks, the regulars went about their duties as usual, and at the Government Building, Co. A of the National Guard was stationed. There was no disturbance in any quarter. The Portuguese troops occupied the Palace and between guard duty, hard pallets and foraging mosquitoes had a rather hard time of it. Lieutenant Colonel Fisher was in command.

The efforts of the Royalists to make a friend of that staunch old Democrat, Colonel Blount, have taken every form which the scope of Hawaiian cunning and hospitality suggests. Since the Rush arrived and the Commissioner came ashore, Snow cottage has been filled with leis and bouquets and invitations to native entertainments. At the hotel dining room where the Commissioner takes his meals, a careful re-arrangement of seats has been made by that sagacious and staunch Royalist, Colonel Macfarlane, so that annexationists are seated as far as possible from the Blount table and the Queen's friends as near as possible. Two of the foreign correspondents were banished to a distant corner and their places given to the British Minister. So far as the hotel management could fix things the Commissioner is pretty well hedged in with Royal environments.

The ex-Queen tried to get Col. Blount to take apartments in her house but the Georgia statesman was much too foxy for that. However, she has got herself into a position to know what he is doing from day to day, and if one is curious to watch a departing Hawaiian from Snow cottage one will see him travel, as fast as his constitutional languor will permit, to the Dominis mansion in Washington place.

All over town the native women have been told to watch for the Commissioner and hang leis about his neck. It is as difficult for him to walk about now and escape a ring of flowers as it would be for a lone buffalo to stalk through a cowboy camp in Texas without being caught by a lasso. Saturday evening Mr. Blount and his Secretary, Mr. Mills, went through Chinatown and when the flower girls found it out they surrounded both gentlemen and hung leis about them until their own wives wouldn't have known them. As quickly as they could they got away in a hack, and some say that they strewed the route back to the hotel with fragments of the floral offering.

The young Hawaiians are reported to have made their plans to capture the Commissioner's secretary. They don't intend to Kahuna his cigars as they did Mrs. Blount leis, but they propose to give him as good a time as he will take. In case the lady will catch him, luau will be given as long as there is a quart of poi and a roasted dog left in the Sandwich group; and if, by some hallucination he should like the hula, he will have a chance to see it in all its pristine glory. In fact if Brother Mills yields to the tempter he will be able to go home distended with food and in a state of exhilaration which the Washington peace officers would not recognize as anything they had ever seen before.

John E. Bush went with a committee the other day to present the resolutions framed at the mass meeting which the three black crosses addressed in Kala Square. Bush tells about it in *Ka Leo*, the paper which he used to howl in for annexation. He says that he told the Commissioner that the natives had confidence in the strict sense of justice always shown by the American people and that they were now ground down by men who wanted to possess their country. If Bush is to be believed, Col. Blount replied as follows:

Gentlemen—Bear in mind that it is exactly the course of America always. The American people do not approve of any of their representatives personally interfering in the conduct of the government of foreign countries.

Rumors have been flying thick and fast among the natives since Saturday afternoon of some impending change. It was said that President Dole was to be banished, and that the "Queen" was to be restored this morning at ten. Others said the old Cabinet would demand re-instatement. Nobody thought to predict that Punchbowl would vomit lava, and that the neighboring sea would run dry, but that was because, there was no political encouragement to be found in such prophecies, and not because the royalist imagination was unequal to the task.

Meanwhile Col. Blount really tells nothing. No chloroformed oyster could be less garrulous than he. The apex of a polar berg could then as much in moonlight as do his sealed fountains of speech under the baffled sunshine of the interviewer. There is no mummy in a Syrian tomb, hidden under a mile of sand, to whom appeals for information could not be as satisfactorily addressed. At the same time he can ask questions with the rapidity and precision of a San Francisco lawyer. Saturday he had C. H. Dickey of Maui to talk to about the character of the natives and when he finished the interview Mr. Dickey was a squeezed orange and a worked out mine.

To offset the annexation badges the royal party has got out a St. George's cross on a ribbon band and it may be seen on the native lapel, here and there about town, though by no means all the Hawaiians take to it. On the contrary there is something of a boom for annexation among the more intelligent

natives who are wearing the blue insignia of the unionists.

The latest manifesto from the Queen is a tear-compelling appeal from Jimmie Robertson, which came out Saturday. It may be read between smiles as follows:

"When the 'management' of the *Advertiser* and *Star* attend divine service to-morrow, Easter Sunday, to sing their praises to God, it is to be sincerely hoped that they will cast a glance at the pew which was occupied by the Queen on Dedication Sunday, and silently offer a prayer to the Lord, to give Her strength to bear up with all the unkindness they have meted out to Her during the past week."

Why not cast a glance at the "pew" she occupied when she heaved a black pig into the volcano as an act of worship to the Goddess Pele?

A BIT OF HISTORY.

An Episode in the Political Annals of Honolulu.

April, 1863. Dr. James McBride of Lafayette, Or., was appointed as United States Minister to the Hawaiian Islands by President Lincoln. Soon after going there he had the coat of arms placed over the entrance to the American Legation. In 1864, says the *New York Sun*, an English man-of-war stopped at Honolulu, having on board two cadets in the English navy, both sons of peers. One of them, Lord Charles Beresford, is now high in the service. This was during the war of the rebellion, when England was rather unfriendly to the United States, and many Englishmen were inclined to think that the United States Government was of no special consequence and was practically destroyed.

One night Lord Charles Beresford and his friend, in order to show their contempt for the United States Government, went to the American Legation, tore down Dr. McBride's coat of arms, and hired a native to row them with it into the bay where their ship was anchored.

On learning next morning that the coat of arms was missing the American Minister instituted a search, and soon found the native who have taken it to the ship. A search-warrant was procured and the coat of arms brought back by an officer. The commandant of the man-of-war and the English Minister at Honolulu immediately called on the American Minister and offered an apology in the name of their Government for the insult which had been offered. After having made their apology they stated that they supposed this was satisfactory and that they had atoned for the offense.

The American Minister informed them that this was not satisfactory, that the two young lords, who were officers of the British Government, had not only committed a theft, but had, by their act, insulted the Government represented by him. He further said that, having taken down the coat of arms with their own hands, he would not be satisfied until they themselves put it back where they got it. At this the English Minister and commandant vehemently protested, saying that such a demand was humiliating and disgraceful and could not be complied with. The American Minister, however, insisted on a compliance with his demand, saying that the disgrace consisted in the act of stealing the coat of arms and that nothing short of this would be considered reparation for their offense. After considerable diplomatic correspondence and some delay, the English Minister agreed to comply with the demand of Dr. McBride, and the latter mentioned the next noon as the time when the coat of arms should be replaced.

It was soon noticed about Honolulu that the two young men were to replace the coat of arms the next day at 12 o'clock. When the time came thousands of people from the city and surrounding country were there to witness the ceremony. A sketch was made of the two young men while in the act of nailing the coat of arms to the archway over the entrance to the American Legation.

After the coat of arms had been replaced the two young men came to the American Minister and apologized for their conduct, saying that they did not stop to think what an insult they were offering to the American Government.

This ended the matter in the islands. The American Minister then reported all the facts to Secretary Seward. The latter demanded an apology from the English Government, which was made. The two young men were called home and were dismissed from the British navy for five years. Lord Charles Beresford has since won distinction in the English navy. He commanded the landing force at Alexandria in 1882.

Another incident relating to this affair may be worth mentioning. The King of the Sandwich Islands at the time was Kamehameha V. He was very favorable to English influences in the islands, and let it be known that he was personally displeased because the American Minister compelled the Englishmen to restore his coat of arms. A few weeks after this, when the American Minister went to the palace to make his usual official visit, the King, evidently with the design of insulting him, sent word that he was engaged. The American Minister returned word that he was there in his official capacity and desired an interview. The King sent word again that he was engaged and could not see him. The Minister again sent word that he was there as representative of his Government and intended to stay until he did see him. The King then appeared, but in a very nervous and excited state; but no reference was made to any differences, and the interview passed off pleasantly, and their relations continued thereafter agreeable.

Dr. James McBride, this firm and patriotic Minister, was a physician who went to Oregon from Missouri in 1846, and in the early history of Oregon took a prominent part politically and otherwise. He died in 1876.

BIG OPIUM THEFT.

OVER TWO HUNDRED TINS STOLEN AT THE STATION HOUSE.

No Clue to the Daring Thieves—How the Theft was Discovered—The Smuggler Halcyon About.

For some time past it has been the custom at the Station House to store seized opium in one of the strong rooms, until a sufficient quantity accumulates for sale or for disposal otherwise. A short time ago the opium on hand, amounting to several hundred tins, was removed from its old room, counted and placed in one of the regular prison cells in the main building, immediately behind the Marshal's office. This cell has a heavy iron door and was kept locked with a three inch Yale padlock.

During last Monday the cell was visited by Marshal Hitchcock and W. F. Reynolds, Agent of the Board of Health, both of whom have keys to the cell. At the time of their visit an inspection showed that everything was all right, and the iron door was carefully locked when they left.

Marshal Hitchcock left the next day at two o'clock by the steamer *Claudine* for the other islands, and has not yet returned. Last Saturday morning Mr. Reynolds had occasion to enter the cell, where the opium was stored, for the purpose of removing some arms belonging to the government. When he attempted to unlock the door, he found that his key, with which he had locked the door on the previous Monday, would not fit the slot. An investigation showed the original padlock had been removed and replaced by one of a smaller size.

This discovery surprised Mr. Reynolds and it was with a good deal of excitement that he reported the fact to Mr. A. M. Brown, Deputy Marshal. Mr. Brown immediately rang up the Attorney General's office and reported the occurrence.

Investigations were made at once. The substituted Yale lock was removed and the door opened. The opium was counted and it was found that 206 tins were missing from the number placed there for safe keeping. The fact that the original lock had been replaced by one of a smaller size is believed to point out that the old lock was broken off by somebody connected with the Station House, who had gone there supplied with another, which was probably believed to be of the same kind as the one placed there by Marshal Hitchcock.

Various theories were advanced by the officers and detectives of the government to explain the mysterious occurrence. A call on Attorney General Smith elicited the fact that the government is investigating the case, and hopes to soon unravel its mystery. "They state at the station house that they are in a quandary and have no clue to the theft," said a *Star* reporter to the Attorney General, "is that correct?"

"Well, no, hardly," replied Mr. Smith, "it is hardly correct to say we have no clue; and as to a quandary, the investigation is already proceeding. However, it would be impossible to say what we have discovered, as publication might defeat the ends we aim at."

The reporter was shown the cell where the opium is stored. The iron door is secured by a heavy hasp and staple bolt to the iron work; and the staple is of such proportions that it would easily withstand blows sufficient to demolish a three inch Yale padlock without injuring the door. The door has been secured with another lock.

In connection with this matter, it should be noted that the smuggler Halcyon is believed to be off the coast, flash lights, such as are used to signal her, having been shown from the top of Punchbowl for several nights of late.

MAKING HISTORY.

Formal Conference Between the Government and Col. Blount.

President Dole and cabinet called in a body on Commissioner Blount at 11:30 this morning, returning his official visit. The annexation matter was discussed for an hour and a half and on their departure from the Snow cottage the members of the government smiled like a summer solstice. President Dole said, "The result of our visit is eminently satisfactory." There has not been so much good nature on tap at the Government building for six weeks as there is to day.

Before the call on Commissioner Blount, President Dole visited the Japanese legation.

Tearing Down the Flag.

V. J. Fagermos, of No. 55 McLean block, is an annexationist and had his store decorated on Saturday night with American flags. Sometime between sundown yesterday and this morning all the flags were torn down and either burned or taken away. This is the second offences of the kind in town within a week.

PERSONAL.

W. F. Pogue returns to Hawaii Friday next.

Hon. C. H. Dickey who has been in town several days will return to Maui by *Claudine* next Friday.

Post Master General, J. Mort Oat, assumed his duties at the post office this morning and is at present engaged in familiarizing himself with business details.

Colonel and Mrs. Blount attended service at the Central Union church yesterday morning. Mrs. Blount staying to communion. In the evening they went to the Cathedral.

TWENTY-SEVEN WATCHES.

The Noonday Haul of a Portuguese Sneak Thief.

This noon officer Kaula of the Police force saw a suspicious character hanging about the watch-maker's store of a Japanese named Y. Shido, at Nuuanu and Beretania streets, during the absence at lunch of the proprietor. Being called away for few minutes the policeman did not see what followed, but finding that the store window had been opened and that the stranger had disappeared, he asked a native who had been lounging near by throughout the noon hour, where the man had gone. The native said that it was in the direction of the Club stables and Pantheon saloon. The policeman followed and arrested the fellow who proved to be a professional thief named Wm. Wilson. He had twenty-seven watches on his person all of which belonged to the Jap. It is said at the Marshal's office that the man is one of the gang which robbed Gertz' establishment. Wilson is now in a cell and will be arraigned to-morrow.

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ASSETS.	
Bonds and Mortgages	\$ 21,983,944 02
Real Estate, including the Equitable Buildings and purchases under foreclosure of mortgages	23,012,412 49
United States Stocks, State Stocks, City Stocks and other investments	73,084,149 48
Loans secured by Bonds and Stocks (Market value, \$7,873,700)	3,913,500 00
Real Estate outside the State of New York, including purchases under foreclosure	14,122,736 70
Cash in Bank and in transit (since received and invested)	5,554,006 66
Interest and Rents due and accrued, Deferred Premiums and other Securities	6,488,702 66
Total Assets, December 31, 1892	\$153,060,052 01

We hereby certify, that after a personal examination of the securities and accounts described in the foregoing statement, we find the same to be true and correct as stated.

THOS. D. JORDAN, Comptroller. FRANCIS W. JACKSON, Auditor.

LIABILITIES.	
Reserve on all existing Policies (4% Standard), and all other liabilities	\$121,870,236 52
Total Undivided Surplus (4% Standard), including Special Reserve of \$2,300,000 towards establishment of a 3 1/2 % valuation	31,189,815 49
	\$153,060,052 01

We certify the correctness of the above calculation of the reserve and surplus. From this surplus the usual dividends will be made.

Geo. W. Phillips, J. G. Van Cise, Actuaries.

INCOME.	
Premiums	\$ 34,046,568 30
Interest, Rents, etc.	6,209,609 10
	\$40,256,237 40

DISBURSEMENTS.	
Claims by Death and Matured Endowments	\$ 10,829,573 04
Dividends, Surrender Values, Annuities and Discounted Endowments	5,675,074 94
Total Paid Policy-Holders	\$ 16,504,647 98
Commissions, Advertising, Postage and Exchange	4,083,478 35
General Expenses, State, County and City Taxes	3,544,021 01
	\$ 24,161,947 34

New Assurance written in 1892	\$290,490,216 00
Total Outstanding Assurance	\$50,902,245 00

We, the undersigned, have, in person, carefully examined the accounts, and counted and examined in detail the assets of the Society, and certify that the foregoing statement thereof is correct.

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